

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/937,873	JUNG ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Kevin L McHenry	1725	

All Participants:

(1) Kevin L McHenry, examiner.

(2) Josh Randall, applicant's representative.

Date of Interview: 15 March 2004

Status of Application: Allowed

(3) _____

(4) _____

Time: 2:30 pm

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

none

Claims discussed:

11

Prior art documents discussed:

none

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner indicated that the application was allowable except for language in claim 11 regarding the isolation valve that was unclear. The examiner noted that it was unclear how the isolation valve functioned independently of the casting chamber and how this was even possible since the isolation valve provided a seal for the vacuum of the casting chamber. The examiner noted that the other language of claim 11, particularly that regarding the chamber valve and its independence of the isolation valve, overcame the prior art. Agreement was reached to amend claim 11 in order to place the application in condition for allowance.